

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 1, line 22, with the following rewritten paragraph:

For example, rare earth magnets having such a structure has been proposed that contain rare earth magnet particles bound with SiO_2 and/or Al_2O_3 particles, as disclosed in Japanese Patent Provisional Publication No. 10-321427. The electric resistance of the rare earth magnet can be increased with SiO_2 or Al_2O_3 intervening among the rare earth magnet. However, the magnet characteristics, such as the coercive force and the residual magnetization, are significantly lowered by adding SiO_2 or Al_2O_3 . It is accordingly difficult to be applied to motors of moderate to high power output.